

Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“Disciple-Making Love”

Luke 10:25-37

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Big Idea

A true disciple does not merely know God’s Word — he reflects God’s heart by moving toward people in mercy and love.

Disciple-Making Focus

Disciple-making love loves people the way Jesus loves people.

I. Disciple-Making Love Moves Beyond _____

_____ (vv. 25-29)

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29, CSB)

Key Truth:

Disciple-making begins when truth moves from your head into your heart.

II. Disciple-Making Love Moves Toward _____

(vv. 30-35)

“When he saw him, he took pity on him.” (Luke 10:33, NIV)

Key Truth:

Disciple-making love refuses to walk past wounded people.

III. Disciple-Making Love Reflects the _____ of Jesus

(vv. 36-37)

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:36–37, NIV)

Key Truth:

Mercy is one of the clearest evidences that we truly know Christ.

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Small Group Questions — Week 13

Series: *Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers*

Week 13 Title: *Disciple-Making Love*

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Start Here — Reflective Question

Who is someone that showed you unexpected kindness or compassion during a difficult season of your life?

How did it impact you?

(Allow a few moments for people to share briefly.)

Read the Passage

Have someone read Luke 10:25–37 aloud before discussion.

Discussion Questions

1. Moving Beyond Self-Justification — Luke 10:25–29

The lawyer asks:

“And who is my neighbor?”

Why do you think people naturally look for limits to love and compassion?

Why is it possible to know truth intellectually while still resisting it personally?

The sermon said:

“Disciple-making begins when truth moves from your head into your heart.”

What does that look like practically?

2. Moving Toward Broken People — Luke 10:30–35

The priest and Levite saw the wounded man but passed by.

The Samaritan stopped and moved toward him.

Why do you think compassion often feels inconvenient?

What kinds of hurting people do we tend to walk past today?

What are some practical ways we can move toward broken people instead of avoiding them?

3. Reflecting the Mercy of Jesus — Luke 10:36–37

Jesus says: “Go and do likewise.”

How does this story ultimately point us to Jesus and the gospel?

How has Jesus shown mercy to you personally?

Why is mercy such an important evidence of genuine faith?

4. Disciple-Making Through Compassion

The sermon emphasized that disciple-making is more than sharing information — it is helping people experience the love of Jesus through us.

How can compassion open doors for spiritual conversations?

Who in your life right now may need encouragement, compassion, or practical help?

What might it look like to intentionally move toward that person this week?

5. Heart Check

Which part of the sermon challenged you the most?

- Moving beyond self-justification
- Moving toward broken people
- Reflecting the mercy of Jesus

What would “go and do likewise” look like for you personally this week?

Disciple-Making Connection

The Samaritan did more than feel compassion — he acted on it.

How can compassionate living make the gospel visible?

What is one practical way you can show the love of Jesus to someone this week?

Close Together

Pray that God would:

- soften your heart toward people
- help you notice those who are hurting
- give you courage to move toward broken people with compassion
- help you reflect the mercy Jesus has shown you

Ask God to help you become disciples who love people the way Jesus does.